Government propose to grant accreditation for hospitals in order to ensure uniform and consistent service system in hospitals across the country;

(b) whether this move is prompted by the demands of Indian Health care Federation including grant of infrastructure status health to Health Care industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) A Task Force has been set up with a view to promoting India as a Healthcare Destination. The Task Force has been entrusted with issues relating to making available specific types of health facilities including super-speciality medical care, out-sourcing of medical services, traditional medicine expertise available etc. Identification of the list of hospitals/institutions having standard facilities has also been entrusted to the Task Force.

Development of indigenous medicines

†943. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have explored possibilities to develop indigenous system of medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which this system can be developed as against the present situation;

(c) whether Government have prepared any scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent till September, 2004 out of the sum allocated to the Department of Indigenous System of Medicines during current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government of India has laid down a separate national policy for promotion and development of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy. Indigenous systems of medicine which include Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and drugless therapies of Yoga & Naturopathy have tremendous potential to develop further as they have been providing health care facilities for thousands of years; they are based on a huge mass of scientific literature and there is global resurgence of interest in traditional medicines because of adverse side effects of allopathy drugs.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has introduced a number of Central sector and Centrally sponsored schemes to promote and develop Indian Systems of Medicine. The budget provisions of the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) for the year 2004-2005 and the amount spent till September, 2004 are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	Funds provided	Funds spent
Plan	173.00	63.18
Non-Plan	52.73	28.66

Primary Health Centres

944. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hospitals are not rated according to facilities, infrastructure and technical manpower, in our country;

(b) what steps have been taken to enforce health care standards and accredite Hospitals to attract foreign patients;

(c) the number of Private Hospitals and Hospital Beds as on 30th September, 2004, State-wise; and

(d) the number of Government Hospitals including Primary Health Centres with Doctor-Patient ratio, State-wise?